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Local Santa sighting



Last Saturday, thousands of residents hit the streets for the 38th annual Fort Erie Santa Claus Parade, hosted by the Bridgeburg Business Improvement Area and Fort Erie Festivals. Several service clubs, businesses, schools, sports teams and other organizations participated in the event. St. Nick is seen here on his way over the Central Avenue bridge. For more coverage, go to pages 3, 4, 5 and 31.

A fond farewell

► Council members reflect on last four years

Kris Dubé
The Times

It's been a memorable, but challenging four years.

On Monday night, the current council performed its swan song as its term will officially come to an end when a much different group of politicians will be sworn into their seats around the horseshoe.

The first to provide their thoughts on the last four years was Ann-Marie Noyes, who has been the councillor for Ward 6 for the last 14 years and was defeated by Doug Martin by five votes in the mayoral race.

She said she has met a lot of wonderful people over the years before responding to claims made that she doesn't support the Fort Erie Racetrack.

"That is total fiction," she said. When the local government voted on setting side \$500,000 this year as part of the new structure of the facility being operated as a non-profit organization, Noyes, along with the rest of council voted in favour of it.

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Tough decisions made during council's term

From Page 1

When the idea of purchasing the Racetrack for \$35 million was discussed, she did not find it to be a proper direction to take.

"I didn't support it for all the right reasons," she said. She congratulated the new faces council will see in its next term and wished them all the best.

"They will be responsive to the community they serve and they will listen to how the community wants to evolve," said Noyes.

Our going councillor for Ward 5, Martha Lockwood

was overcome with emotion when she made her remarks.

"I'm proud of every decision I've made over the last four years," she said.

She said tough, controversial decisions needed to be made to "do the right thing," and that she didn't take positions on issues "just to get re-elected."

She praised the Town's director of community and development services Rino Mostacci for his hard work and professionalism, before saying she will always be thankful for the friendships she made while on council over the last four years.

She said Ward 4 Coun. Tim Whitfield is one of the most hard-working and dedicated people she has ever met and will cherish the friendship she has made with him for the rest of her life.

"He's like a brother to me and that will carry on for many years," said Lockwood.

She also commended mayor Doug Martin for his leadership and said she will support him in any way she can.

"You're a man with vision and courage," she said.

She finished by saying she

doesn't regret any decisions she made and in glad to be able to have played the role she did.

"It's been a blessing and an honour to serve the people of Fort Erie," said Lockwood who was defeated by Don Lubberts in the Oct. 25 election.

Tim Whitfield, who was defeated by John Hill in the Ward 4 race, also said he has "no regrets."

He is confident the council of his time made a lot of good decisions and "left Fort Erie in the position to move forward," which will be proven over the course of time.

"Because of those decisions, I think Fort Erie is better off," said Whitfield.

Ward 2 Coun. Rick Shular, who was elected into his third term after defeating his only challenger Susan Salzer, said politicians can't expect every decision they make to come easily and without criticism.

"It hasn't been without challenges, but that's what it's all about," said Shular.

"It's a gratifying experience," he added.

Shular, along with Ward 3 Coun. Bob Steckley and

“It hasn't been without challenges, but that's what it's all about.”

—Rick Shular

mayor Martin are the only three individuals who will be returning as elected officials.

"I look forward to four more years with a new team," said Shular.

Steckley, who defeated his only challenger Kimberly Zanko, said many sacrifices need to be made by people elected into office and that it does just involve showing to Town Hall one night a week.

"It's not just a three-hour gig on Monday night," he said.

Steckley has been on the opposite side of some issues compared to the majority of council, mainly the Crystal Beach Gateway Project. He said because he has differing opinions than some of his colleagues, there is no rea-

son to take it personally.

"It doesn't mean that I don't respect you or that I don't consider it an honour to have served with you on council for the last four years," said Steckley.

Closing out the evening's comments, mayor Doug Martin. He said it is tough being a politician, because it often results in losing friends and supporters based on one issue. He referred to a statement made by Winston Churchill, saying that sometimes having enemies is a sign that you feel strongly about what you believe in.

"It means you've stood up for something, some time in your life," said Martin.

"Sometimes you have to do the right thing and not the popular thing," he added.

He said the outgoing council has made a lot of tough decisions but in his opinion, they were for the overall betterment of Fort Erie.

"Those are the decisions that will carry the town forward," said Martin.

Ward 1 Coun. Sandy Annunziata was not present at the meeting, due to business related matters.



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Blake Scapellato, a grade 2 student at St. George Catholic Elementary School waving for the camera at last Saturday's Santa Claus Parade.

Man killed in crash

A local woman is facing eight charges and one person is dead after a motor vehicle accident in Stevensville on Wednesday night.

At about 10 p.m., members of the Niagara Regional Police, Fort Erie Fire Department and Niagara Emergency Medical Services responded to the call on Stevensville Road, after a 2002 Pontiac Sunfire heading southbound just north of Eagle Street collided with a 2004 Dodge Neon, also headed southbound on the road.

A 66 year-old female res-

ident of Mississauga was operating the Dodge Neon. The impact caused the Dodge Neon to go out of control and collide with a Ford F-150 pick-up truck that was parked on the east side of Stevensville Road.

The female driver of the Dodge Neon sustained serious injuries in the collision and was transported via ambulance to the Greater Niagara General Hospital. A 73 year-old male resident of Fort Erie, who was the front seat passenger in the Dodge Neon sustained fatal injuries in the collision and was pronounced dead at the scene.

The female driver of the Pontiac Sunfire sustained minor injuries in the collision. She was arrested at the scene, transported to hospital, treated and released into police custody.

The identity of the victim is being withheld at this time pending notification of next of kin.

A 34-year-old woman from Crystal Beach faces eight charges, including impaired operation of a motor vehicle causing death and criminal negligence causing death.

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Seven-year-old Nole General receives a candy cane from Shane McKernan, a volunteer with the Fort Erie Fire Department (FEFD) Station no. 2 at Saturday's Santa Claus Parade. All stations within the FEFD participated in the event.

Cold but fun



Rose Saxon Public School students Grace Dobbie, left, Rachel Dobbie, Rebecca Beach, Kelsy Swezy and Jordan Hill are just five of the many youth who played a role in last Saturday's annual Santa Claus Parade.

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Wed., Dec. 8, 7 p.m., centennial branch, \$2, John Black, co-editor of the beautiful new book *Birds of Niagara* will be at the library to talk about the birds of Niagara and the creation of the book, copies for sale and all are welcome

Parade animals



Glenn and Linda Finbow, of Split Rock Farms walking two of their alpacas along the parade route last Saturday.

All Shook Up for Christmas



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our editorial

Items should be taken out of stores immediately

It's all about keeping the community safe.

On page 26 you will read a story about the sale of marijuana smoking devices that are being sold in local convenience stores and the concern of one parent.

She has every right to feel this way, especially considering her frustration that there is no legislation in place to regulate or eliminate these items.

The tough part is that there is nothing illegal about these items the way they are presented in the stores. It's like saying a flower vase is illegal, since it is merely a piece of glass.

What it is commonly used for is the problem and it's good to hear that both Kim Craitor and Rob

Nicholson are on the record saying tougher laws need to be put in place and that they are both working on a way to make some progress with this.

There is no reason why parents should worry about their kids asking about these things when they return home from the store after a bike ride with their friends.

The first step for taking care of this would be store owners deciding to remove them from their shelves, considering we have learned from one manager that they do not sell a lot of them. Is it really worth it then?

-Kris Dubé



Do You Remember?

Last week's photo of the wonders of natural gas heating shows from left to right: Fraser Farrell, Mr. H.E. Thompson principal at Fort Erie High School (now FESS), and John Daley.

Both Mr. Farrell and Mr. Daley were with the Provincial Gas Company when this photo was

taken.

Thank you to Grace Farrell who identified her husband and to Merilyn Athoe who had attended Fort Erie High and went on to work at Provincial Gas.

We have some information about this week's photo which shows the new executive for the

Douglas Memorial Hospital. As well, two names are written on the back, Mrs. Von Zuben and Carol Baker Newton.

We would appreciate knowing anything more about this photo. Please contact the Museum (905) 894-5322 or you can send an email to museum@forterie.on.ca.

Choosing a local candidate should be a priority



Kris Dubé
Editor's Notebook

All week I've been debating whether or not I should write about this in my editor's notebook.

It is now Friday morning, a few hours before this week's issue heads to the press and I've decided to go with it.

Be the one thing that was holding me back, is this I would be writing about something that happened

at an event that I was not present and my evidence would only be based on hearsay, but the folks I'm referring to know what that's all about. You'll see what I'm talking about after you read the story on page 9.

On Tuesday night, many local people went to the Niagara PC nomination where the party was choosing its candidate to run for MPP in the next provincial election. Two of the three candidates, Arlene White and Sandy Annunziata, are from Fort Erie and you would assume anyone from this town who is registered with the party would want

a local person to be successful.

From what I hear, that wasn't the case.

I'm told by people I trust that a group of individuals, consisting of one person who has sat on council with Annunziata for the last four years and lost by five votes in the mayoral race to Doug Martin attended the event and could be seen wearing buttons in support of George Lepp, a candidate from Niagara-on-the-Lake.

I'm not discrediting Lepp because I know nothing about him and I'm sure the party chose him for the right reasons, but if

you are from Fort Erie and you see the community grow, why wouldn't you support someone who has our town on the top of their priority list and not someone who apparently didn't even mention Fort Erie in his speech?

It's no secret that Annunziata did not support Noyes in her mayoral campaign and that there is an obvious divide between people on both camps.

What I don't understand is why people can't put their political and personal differences aside and do what is best for the community by supporting someone who knows what is best for it. Both

Annunziata and White in my opinion would have been a great choice for PC members and both would likely have done great things for our town.

Do you really think George Lepp will be as passionate about re-installing services at Douglas Memorial Hospital as Annunziata would have been and still is even though he wasn't successful in the nomination? Is there anyone more informed about cross border issues than White?

I find it disturbing that this group of politically motivated individuals would go out of their way to make it known that they

don't support someone from their hometown, especially when they are so involved in the local political arena.

If this nomination would have taken place before the municipal election, it's probably safe to assume this type of behaviour would not have been seen because it would have a lot of people shaking their heads and certainly leaning toward one particular candidate, rather than the other.

If you would like to leave me feedback, call me at (905) 871-3100 ext. 207 or send me an email at editorial@forterietimes.com.

opinion page

Actions of others eliminate hope for hospital

Dear Editor,

One always hopes that those involved in politics have the best interest of their community when making decisions. That did not seem to be the case at the PC Nomination Meeting last Tuesday night.

Three candidates were on the ballot: Annunziata and White from Fort Erie and Lepp from Niagara on the lake.

After the first ballot White did not receive enough votes to make it to the second ballot.

Instead of putting aside personal differences and

supporting a candidate from her town, White put her support behind Lepp who won on the second ballot. Who is the loser in all of this?

The town of Fort Erie is again. The candidate from NOTL did not even mention Fort Erie in his speech that night. Among those who made his victory possible were former Councillors Berry, Brunton, Noyes and members of the Yellow Shirt Brigade who proudly wore Lepp buttons for the second ballot.

Their personal revenge against Annunziata was more important than elect-

ing a candidate who would give Fort Erie (and the rest of Niagara) a strong voice at Queens Park.

Their actions pretty much eliminated any hope we have of getting our hospital services restored.

If you think Lepp will advocate for our hospital services like Annunziata would you are naive.

Your actions truly proved how little you think of the town of Fort Erie and how petty your actions were.

Martha Lockwood
Crystal Beach

The TIMES Asks

Why is it important to shop locally during the holiday season?



Audrey Wilson

"Those are the places that are nearest to home and they should get the business."



Judy Schultz

"It's important to keep the money in our own economy and the area we live in."



Diana Sneek

"As a local business owner I do my best to support and shop local and hopefully other businesses will do the same."



Donna Reid

"The deals here are just as good as the States and our money is almost on par. It's important to keep that money here."

What do you think?

E-mail: editorial@forterietimes.com or call 905-871-3100, ext. 207

Reader wants compassion for seniors

Dear Editor,

The municipal election is over and the Old Boy Network is firmly back in control just as I thought it would be although I had hoped it would be otherwise.

As a senior citizen I would ask that Mayor Martin and his cohorts have more compassion and concern for the senior members of this com-

munity.

May I say Mr. Mayor that the promise of a few new bus routes and an insultingly small rebate on our inflated water and sewage costs does not cut it!

It shows neither compassion nor concern for those struggling on a fixed income.

Fort Erie water and sewage rates are among the highest in the region. My personal combined water and sewage

amounts to less than five dollars monthly and yet my bill is nearly seven dollars monthly.

The fixed cost portion of my bill is almost sixty dollars a month. For comparison the monthly fixed cost for combined water and sewage in the City Of Welland is about fourteen dollars a month.

This amounts to a difference of approximately forty five dollars a month between two similar communities in the

same region of Niagara. Go figure!!

When this \$100 dollar annual rebate was announced by the Town Administration I contacted Mayor Martin personally to protest this insult.

His response to me was that he thought it was a very generous gesture on the part of the Town of Fort Erie to its low income seniors and that if I did not like it, I was not obligated to take the rebate.

I thought this to be an arrogant response to my concern but not an unexpected one.

The province has offered some relief to the senior property tax payer with the implementation of the annual property tax grant.

It is now time for Mayor Martin and his adherents to step up to the plate and do their fair share to alleviate the burden of ever increasing municipal costs upon the

backs of those members of the community who can least afford to carry that burden.

With the election over and the Old Boy Network firmly in control I suspect that it will be back to business at the same old stand and the Old Boy Network continuing to look after its own interests.

Michael Pantone
Crystal Beach



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For detailed information, there is an Information Sheet for each of the boards and committees and relevant by-laws available on the Town's website www.forterie.on.ca by clicking on the Boards and Committees Banner. The appointments are for a four (4) year term commencing February 1st, 2011. The boards and committees meet on a regular basis, usually once per month. All members to the boards and committees are voluntarily ex-officio members of the Committee to Advancement and Property Standards Committees.

(1) **ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE** - Eight (8) citizen appointees, majority with disabilities and one (1) Member of Council.

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(2) **BRIDGEBAY STATION DOWNTOWN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA BOARD OF MANAGEMENT** - Six (6) directors selected by a vote of the membership of the B.I.A. A maximum of 20% of the Board may be non-members of the B.I.A., provided they are nominated by a member of the B.I.A. and one (1) Member of Council.

To improve, beauty and maintain municipally-owned lands, buildings and structures in the Bridgeway Station Downtown B.I.A.; promote the area as a business or shopping area and maintain streetscape capital.

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(7) **FORT ERIE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE** - Six (6) residents from the Fort Erie community, including at least one person with a disability; one (1) Fort Erie student representative attending a secondary institution; one (1) Fort Erie student representative attending a post secondary institution.

To provide a committee for residents, school officials and health professionals to meet on a monthly basis for the purpose of improving conditions for people-powered transportation (biking, rollerblading) for utilitarian and recreational purposes.

(8) **FORT ERIE CEMETERY ADVISORY COMMITTEE** - Six (6) citizen appointees and one (1) Member of Council.

To provide advice and/or recommendations regarding the operation, care and control of the Town-owned cemeteries and mausoleums.

(9) **FORT ERIE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE** - Eight (8) citizen appointees and one (1) Member of Council.

To advise and assist the Community and Development Services Department and Council with the management and conservation of the natural environment in Fort Erie.

(10) **MAYOR'S YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE** - Minimum Eleven (11), maximum of Nineteen (19) youth ages 13-21 and the Mayor.

To plan and advise Council on youth related issues. Interested applicants are requested to contact Ben McDermott at the TMCA directly to obtain an application. Telephone 905-871-9522 ext. 233 or email: bmcdm@tmcainc.ca

(11) **MUSEUM AND CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE** - Minimum Seven (7), maximum of Eleven (11) citizen appointees and one (1) Member of Council.

To promote awareness of Fort Erie's cultural heritage within and outside the boundaries of the Town of Fort Erie, including the Town's historic buildings, sites and landmarks. This committee will be comprised of two sub-committees as follows: (1) to manage and operate the Town's museum facilities; and (2) to advise Council with respect to matters relating to the conservation of built heritage. (Museum Board, Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee and Fort Erie Lighthouse Advisory Committee necessary meeting to form this new committee).

(12) **PROPERTY STANDARDS COMMITTEE** - Five (5) citizen appointees.

The Property Standards By-law regulates standards for the maintenance and occupancy of property and for prohibiting the occupancy or use of property that does not conform to the standards.

To have appeals under the Property Standards By-law of the Town of Fort Erie.

(13) **SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE** - Seventeen (17) citizen appointees comprised of two (2) representatives from the exco/committees; one (1) representative from Historical Society; two (2) representatives from Hants-Canadian Seniors Club; two (2) representatives from 365 for the period ending with the 2014 term; one (1) representative from Dan-

Lions; one (1) representative from Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 7; three (3) representatives from Black Creek Leisure Homes Seniors Group; one (1) representative from Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre Seniors; four (4) community representatives at large and one (1) Member of Council.

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This information is being collected pursuant to the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be used to select persons for appointments to Town of Fort Erie boards and committees.

Carolyn J. Kell, Town Clerk
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(2) OVERNIGHT WINTER PARKING ON STREETS

ATTENTION ALL MOTORISTS: In an effort to keep the streets free of vehicles during the winter months for snowplowing and sanding operations, residents are reminded that no overnight parking is permitted. Traffic By-law No. 2000-59, Section 20.5 provides that: "No person shall park a vehicle or permit a vehicle to remain parked on any street in Town between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. between November 1, 2010 and March 31, 2011."

The Town's By-law Enforcement Officers will be exercising vigilance by enforcing By-law No. 2000-59. **Your vehicle will be issued a parking ticket and could be towed, at your expense, if found in violation of the by-law.** Enquiries may be directed to the Town's By-law Enforcement Officers by calling (905) 871-1600, Extension 2216 (Geoff Shephardson at Extension 2216 Local 64).

(3) Inaugural Meeting Working Together - Celebrating Community Council 2010 - 2014

His Worship Mayor-Elect Douglas G. Martin and the Members of the Municipal Council-Elect of the Town of Fort Erie cordially invite you, your family and guests to attend the Inaugural Meeting to be held on the 8th day of December, two thousand and ten at seven o'clock in the evening.

Fort Erie Centennial Complex Hall - 3 Milestones Centre, Unit # - Fort Erie, Ontario
Reception to Follow

(4) THE SKATEPARK IS OPEN!

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- Vandalism and Graffiti are Crimes - if caught you may be charged and Banned from Skatepark
- Ride Safe in Control and at your Ability Level
- Do not add Obstacles, Materials or Equipment to Park
- Check for Hazards or Debris prior to using Park
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Recount evidence based on hearsay

➤ Judge will allow more submissions from applicant, no timeline given

Kris Dubé
The Times

The judge presiding over a hearing into Bill Brunton's application to the court system for a habeas corpus is giving him more time to submit evidence based on hearsay.

Some people might assume Theresa Maddalena's written response to the comments and submitted evidence she heard last Friday would put a cap on the issue... but that isn't the case.

She will allow Brunton to submit evidence that isn't based on hearsay.

"Therefore, taking into consideration the principles enunciated by the Supreme Court of Canada, and the particular facts in this case I do not dismiss the application, but permit the applicant to file further evidence before the court in support of the application," wrote Maddalena.

At issue were the 60 to 64 ballots that did not have a vote for the mayoral race cast on them and comments made by

clerk Carolyn Kett in local newspapers following the Nov. 9 recount. In the Nov. 20 issue of the Times, Kett was not directly quoted, but an article said she explained 20 per cent of the oval space for voting needs to be filled in.

"At least 20 per cent of the oval has to be filled in on the ballot, to guarantee it's going to count that vote," is what Kett said after the Nov. 9 recount referring to vote tabulating machines after her Times referred back to in digitally recorded records.

Maddalena said it is difficult for the court because both issues surrounding the 60 to 64 ballots and the percentage of the ballot that needs to be filled out have been presented to the

court by way of hearsay, "sometimes double or triple hearsay in the applicant's affidavit," she wrote in her response provided Monday afternoon.

"I am satisfied that the facts relating to the 60 to 64 ballots and the 15 to 20 per cent issue are in fact in dispute and cannot be put before the court via hearsay evidence."

The judge also said she is prepared to consider written submissions on costs, limited to two pages. The moving party, the Town of Fort Erie, will need to serve and file submissions by Nov. 29 and the applicant, Bill Brunton, is required to serve and file by Dec. 6.

No timeline has been given for when proceedings will continue, if they do.

Border guards make seizure at Peace Bridge

➤ Driver of tractor trailer caught smuggling over \$900,000 worth of cannabis, hidden in cargo

The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) announced Thursday that its officers at the Peace Bridge seized over 46 kilos of marijuana with an estimated street value of \$936,366.

On November 19, 2010, border services officers from Peace Bridge com-

mercial operations examined a tractor trailer carrying a load of watermelons using the mobile Vehicle and Cargo Inspection System and noticed an abnormality in the scan.

The vehicle and trailer were referred for a secondary examination and officers discovered further indicators that led to the discovery of 78 packages of compacted marijuana concealed in the trailer.

"I commend the border services officers whose actions resulted in this significant seizure of illicit

drugs," said the Honourable Vic Toews, Canada's Public Safety Minister.

"This Government recognizes that the smuggling of drugs across our border fuels organized crime in Canada."

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Naughty and Nice



This week, Rebecca Proulx from Flirt Fitness dropped off a collection of food items and \$600 in cash to Community Outreach Program Erie (COPE)'s Mandy Crosby, raised at a recent event held at Southside's Restaurant and Bar called Naughty Girls Night 2. Proulx says this will be an ongoing event and expects the next one to be held in the middle of January. COPE is in need of donations this season, along with other causes.

Promoting the big event



Crystal Beach Public School students in grade five have been working hard to promote the upcoming Breakfast with Santa event on Dec. 4 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.. Seen here are Mrs. Puh's students Adria Beach, back left, Jason Thomas, Sydney Henhawk, Jayne Inouye, front left, and Molly Bauer with posters they have created, as part of a lesson on advertising.

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High school students have a community recipe

Public invited to get a taste of students' culinary talents on Wednesdays

Kris Dubé
The Times

While students at Fort Erie Secondary School (FESS) are learning about math and science, there is another class taking place at the school that is much different.

A specialist high skills major class, the hospitality and tourism program is in full swing, with students preparing full course gourmet meals for several events, including weekly sittings at the Pomegranate Restaurant located inside the school.

Preparing an elaborate cake for yesterday's semi-formal dance, putting together a delicious meal for the school's honour roll banquet, shows these students aren't just cooking meals in a microwave, they are learning a lot about the trade.

Afshin Keyvani, the hospitality and tourism program teacher at FESS said it is rewarding to see how passionate the students currently enrolled in the class are, but is also grateful for the students who have graduated but still return to the school to help whenever they can, with events the class is responsible for preparing the food at.

"They love being a part of the community," he said.

Connie Engels, head of co-operative education at FESS said having a program like this available for stu-

dents is important on a number of levels.

She said not only does it create a unique learning experience for students, it provides and understanding within the public about all the great things happening at the school and how much talent in the culinary arts lies in the student body.

"It's important for the community to know what kind of programming is available for the kids," said Engels.

Every Friday, students have been visiting places of business that have either patronized the Pomegranate Restaurant or accepted co-op students for their

placements and have presenting them with a cake of appreciation, something Engels feels is away for them to show off their work and say thanks to people in the community who have helped in some way.

"They have so much pride and they're ready to contribute," said Engels.

She said many of the students are thankful for this opportunity, as it is a different program that isn't necessarily common within the

secondary curriculum.

"They've given opportunities a lot of other kids don't see," said Engels.

To reserve a table for an upcoming Wednesday at the Pomegranate Restaurant, call (905) 871-4610.



Hospitality and Tourism program students Kelly Plato, left, and Ashley Maulucci displaying a cake that was enjoyed at last night's Fort Erie Secondary School semi-formal. The Pomegranate Restaurant is open to the public every Wednesday and members of the community are invited to enjoy a full course meal for \$16.



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Partners of Chown Cairns Lawyers, LLP (left to right): John Willey, Paul Bauerle, Brian Benfield, Nick Ferguson, John Miryneck, Robert Budgell, Roseanne Trivier, Robert Miller, Barry Adams, David Kerr and Glenn Parker (Absent: Harry Korosis, Gary McClelland, Elaine Richard)

Local Law Firm Raises It's Our Time Campaign Bar

The law firm of Chown Cairns Lawyers LLP has donated \$50,000 to the It's Our Time Campaign towards the purchase of medical equipment for the future Niagara Health System healthcare complex and Walker Family Cancer Centre, which will open to patients in the spring of 2013.

In addition to providing a new state-of-the-art hospital for St. Catharines and immediate area, the 970,000 square-foot health complex will house new and expanded regional services for cancer, cardiac and mental health, allowing more patients to receive the care they need without travelling outside the region.

"Each member of our law firm is committed to the betterment of our region and its residents," says Harry Korosis, Managing Partner. "As a law firm with strong roots in the Niagara region, we are pleased to contribute to this important new healthcare facility that will be used by so many of our clients, family and friends. This donation is a great investment in the future health of our region," adds Harry.

The Cast Room in the Emergency Department and Urgent Care Centre in the new St. Catharines community hospital will be named in honour of the firm in recognition of this generous gift.

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Q: What does "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" mean?

A: This is a well-known adage that is very relevant to oral hygiene and dentistry, both clinically and financially.

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The Ontario government is increasingly aware of the benefits of early detection and initiating financial dental care for all children. Obviously it is more cost effective and beneficial for all concerned.



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Q: What is pension income splitting?

A: It is the ability to split eligible pension income, for income tax purposes only, with a spouse and provides two key benefits. Firstly, there is a pension credit of \$2,000 that can only be claimed against eligible pension income. By transferring a portion of pension income to a spouse, both spouses can claim the \$2,000 pension credit. Secondly, by transferring pension income to a lower income spouse, the income may be taxed at a lower marginal rate.

Eligible pension income includes, among others, payments from a RRIF or company pension plan. It does not include CPP or OAS payments. In order to split pension income between spouses or common law partners, they both have to make a joint election on form T1013, Joint Election to Split Pension Income and Life it with their tax returns. An individual can elect to split up to 50% of their eligible pension income. This can result in significant tax savings under the right circumstances.

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A: No matter how many precautions you take, your car can still get stolen. No one wants to be the victim of car theft, but here are some steps to remember:

- Never leave your keys in the ignition in an unattended car. You may just be running late for a quart of milk, but that's enough time for a thief to hit.
- Don't link your keys to your identification. If you lose your keys, the thief will know where you live and could come to steal your car.
- If your car is being parked by an attendant, only give him the ignition key so that they do not have access to the trunk.

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Q: What is dandruff?

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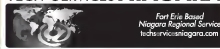
Ask A Computer Technician

Q: How do I upgrade to Windows 7 from windows XP?

A: Unfortunately, you can't use the upgrade button in Windows XP to migrate to Windows 7. Instead, you have to perform a "clean" installation, which can mean formatting the hard drive Windows XP is installed on and starting again from scratch. You will probably discover that the Upgrade Advisor finds a number of problems with both your hardware device and software programs, so expect to spend a bit of time checking for driver and program updates.

This means that it's vital that you back up your key files and settings before you start the Windows 7 installation process. You can use the Windows Easy Transfer tool (find this in the support/migrate folder on the Windows 7 DVD) or use Windows 7 disc to do this, but if you have enough back up space we also recommend taking a full-time backup of your entire hard drive. Contact us at Tech Services Niagara for your support questions.

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4:45 p.m. - **Greetings from the Mayor**

Children's Choirs - **Performances at Pacific Productions**

5:00 p.m. - **St. George's Catholic School** - Conducted by Mrs. Homak

5:30 p.m. - **Berlie Public School** - Conducted by Ms. Groggio

6:00 p.m. - **Crystal Beach Public School** - Conducted by Holly Gilmour

6:30 p.m. - **Ridgeway Public School** - Conducted by Michelle Smith

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*5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - **Free Pictures with Santa** - Boggio & Edwards Ridgeway IDA

* 5:00 p.m. - **Dinner with Elvis** - Gee Gollys 50's Diner

* **Face Painting & Jovis** - Brodies Drug Store

* 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - **at the Sanctuary - Art Gallery Open**

* 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - **Gracious Baby** - Family Portrait for \$5.00

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*6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - **Ice Sculpture Demonstration** by Ross Navarro - at DW Howard Realty

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*6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. **Online at the Trail** - sponsored by Fort Erie Fire Dept. Station 4 - **RBC Kinsmen serving hot cider**

* **Santa Claus Strutting on Ridge Road** - sponsored by Downtown Dollar & Discount and Gotta-be-Dreaming

* **Victorian Singers - Whisking the Sheets and singing Christmas Carols** - sponsored by Boggio & Edwards Ridgeway IDA

* **Hot Chocolate** - The Beachcombers & Boggio & Edwards Ridgeway IDA

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By Jason Delong
Treasure Hunters Roadshow
STAFF WRITER

Clean out your attic, closets and lock boxes, because the Roadshow is coming to Fort Erie. Roadshow experts will be in town examining antiques, collectibles, gold and silver.

While the Roadshow will accept anything that's old, they will be focusing on gold and silver coins made before 1967, military items, toys and trains, musical instruments, pocket and wrist watches. Scrap gold is expected to be a popular category this week due to soaring

"U.S. and Canadian coins made before 1967 are most sought after by collectors. Coins made before 1967 are 90% silver and valuable because of the silver content or could be worth even more if one happens to be a rare date."

gold prices.

Expert buyers for the Roadshow have noticed a tremendous increase in the amount of gold coming to the Roadshow and for good reason. Record

Got Gold? Next week, visitors can cash in on antiques, collectibles, gold, silver, coins or just about anything that is old.

gold prices have Roadshow guests cashing in on broken jewelry or jewelry that won't wear anymore with their "fair and honest" purchase offers. The Roadshow encourages anyone planning a visit to take a minute and examine their jewelry box or their lock box at the bank and gather anything that's gold. If a guest is not sure if something is gold, bring it anyway and the Roadshow staff will test it for free. Other gold items of interest include gold coins, gold ounces, gold proof sets and dental gold.

Other types of items Roadshow experts hope to see include old toys and train sets. Archie Davis, Roadshow's expert spoke about some of the top toys getting great offers: "Old tin windup toys from the late 1800's through the 1960's are in great demand now," said Davis, "Especially those that are character related. Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck, the Flintstones or any character toys are sought. Old Buddy L toys from the 1920's to 1960's are in demand." Basically any toys made before 1965 are wanted. Train sets made by Lionel, American Flyer, Marklin and others have the potential to fetch high prices.

Davis also stressed, "Toys with boxes and in mint condition bring sensational prices. Most of the toys that come to the Roadshow are not in perfect shape but can still bring good prices from collectors."

When expert Tom Fuller was asked what he enjoyed most about working at

the Roadshow, he was quick to answer "Old coins and paper currency. For as long as I can remember I have been fascinated with collecting coins. I would go through the change in my parents' grocery store looking for rare dates and errors. Once, I found a silver

quarter that I sold for \$300.00. Not had for an 8 year old."

Fuller went on to explain that any U.S. or Canadian coins made before 1967 are most sought after by collectors. Coins made before 1967 are 90% silver and valuable because of the silver content or could be worth even more if one happens to be a rare date. "We help people sort through their coins for unique dates. We buy all types of coins at the Roadshow from wheat pennies to buffalo nickels, which are valuable from one coin to an entire truckload. See you at the Roadshow," said Fuller.

"If you go to the Roadshow, you can cash-in your items for top dollar. Roadshow representatives will be available to assess and purchase your items at the Holiday Inn next week, Monday through Friday, in Fort Erie."



Above • A guest listens in as Mike Delong estimates and tells about the values of his coin collection.

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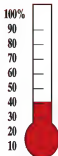




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**Kris Dubé
The Times**

It's been a long ride on a relatively short stretch of Road.

Earlier this year, the Town of Fort Erie awarded a contract to Alfred Beam Excavating for the Ridge Road Reconstruction

Project, a renovation of downtown Ridgeway's downtown corridor that includes the installation of new sewers, street-scaping improvements and the eventual construction of a civic square near the intersection of the road and the Friendship Trail.

On Monday, the Ridgeway

Business Improvement Area (BIA) held an appreciative luncheon for Town staff and employees with Beam, to say thanks for their hard work and professional dedication to the project as its completion draws nearer.

"It's important to show appreciation for the work they've done," said BIA chair

Jason Pizzicarola on Monday, as he was joined by a number of business owners in the area.

He said the project is coming along nicely in his opinion, which he believes is shared by many of his colleagues on the BIA, as they are now putting the final touches on planning for the annual Spirit of Christmas two-day event next weekend.

"It's going to be a great opening for the street," he said.

"The business owners are really starting to see the benefits," he added.

Sherri-Marie Millar, the Town of Fort Erie's senior project manager for the reconstruction said all the underground Infrastructure has been completed and the only work outstanding are a few street-scaping improvements and details pertaining to the civic square that will be included in the project's package, which she expects to be complete by March 31, 2011, the deadline for projects made possible

from government stimulus funding.

"There are some things we will be able to winter on over the winter," she said.

Overall cost for the project is around \$5.8 million, with \$4 million made available by the provincial and federal governments. The Town of Fort Erie is paying for the difference.

Millar said the project is moving along smoothly, thanks to the co-operation and patience of businesses in the area and the hard work of the contractor.

"Everything has been great. I couldn't have done better than Beam," said Millar.



On Monday, the Ridgeway Business Improvement Area held a luncheon of appreciation for the Town of Fort Erie and employees of Beam Excavating for their hard work with the Ridge Road Reconstruction Project at Sweet Dreams, a business in downtown Ridgeway.

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Kris Dubé
The Times

It's probably safe to say most teenage girls have interests other than writing detailed essays on the dangers of welding fumes.

Celeste Giroux is one exception though.

Last year, the young lady, as a student in the construction technology program at Fort Erie Secondary School (FESS) entered an essay into a contest provided by Nederman, a company that manufactures a variety of air filtration devices for the welding industry and even fire halls across the country.

The topic of discussion was the dangers of welding fumes and Giroux's essay was chosen as the best out of all the students who participated. This means the school has been awarded a portable exhaust and scrubber unit valued at just over \$5,000 which will be used by students in the program, creating a healthier and more safe learning and working environment for them.

"Before this, we had no filtration system to accommodate welding in this room," said Brad Ziegler, construction and technology teacher at FESS.

Ziegler said he and the students are very thankful for Giroux's well-written and concise essay, since having the new piece of equipment will provide a better experience for those involved in the class.

"It's definitely something we couldn't have purchased on our own, with our budget," said Ziegler.

Giroux's interest in the trade comes from her grandfather Brian Kelley, who is the person behind the construction of many of the "Big Bikes" used by the Heart and Stroke Foundation for their annual fundraiser.

"I've always been around him while he's been working on that kind of stuff," said Giroux, who is in grade 10 but transferred to Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School this year.

Kelley was also at the school on Wednesday to support his granddaughter as representatives from

Nederman travelled from the Greater Toronto Area to officially congratulate the school and Giroux.

"I'm speechless, I think this is fantastic," said the proud grandfather.

When Celeste was writing the essay, he said he wasn't consulted once and that his assistance was not required.

"She didn't ask me any questions, she did it all on her own," he said.

Jay Smith, Ontario-west district sales manager for Nederman said the filtering device is a crucial piece of equipment, as it keeps many harmful toxins out of the welder's lungs and allows for a much safer work environment.

"It protects the person that's welding and protects his or her breathing zone," said Smith.

He said it's great many young people seem to be interested in the trade, but they need to be aware of the potential dangers and know how to avoid them.

"It's easy to say you want to be a welder, but you need to understand the consequences," said Smith.



Jay Smith, a representative for Nederman, with construction and technology teacher at Fort Erie Secondary School Brad Ziegler congratulating student Celeste Giroux for her essay on the dangers of welding fumes that was awarded top prize in a national competition. The prize was a portable exhaust and scrubber unit.

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The 27th annual event is a day for children to peruse a variety of potential gifts for everyone in the family, as areas will be sectioned off in categories for parents, siblings and even pets. Children wait their turn to be chaperoned through the shopping areas by an "elf" and are able to choose from items priced from 25 cents to \$5.

"It's easy for the kids to shop," said one of the event organizers Shirley Athoe on Monday this week as a handful of volunteers could

be seen at the church wrapping gifts and enjoying each other's company with Christmas music blaring out of the speakers.

She also said it is rewarding to see how much pleasure kids get out of knowing they picked out a present for a loved one, all on their own only with the help from one of St. Nick's elves.

"The kids love it because they enjoy doing their own shopping," she said.

Organizers of the event work on making it a success all year long and anyone interested in donating gifts for the cause can contact St. Paul's Anglican Church at (905) 871-6704.

Children from 3 to 13 years of age will be able to partake and the event starts at 9 a.m. and runs to 3 p.m., on Sat. Dec. 4.



Volunteers with the St. Nick's Children's Shopping Day at St. Paul's Anglican Church Ellen Kent, Shirley Athoe, Carol McGaughlin, Mary Perrett and Judy Leonard have been working all year getting ready for the 27th annual event that will be taking place next Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Children from 3 to 13 years of age are invited to find that special gift for their parents or another loved one. Items are priced from 25 cents to \$5.

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On Boxing Day of last year, 18-year-old Rellly Anzovino was killed in a car accident on Hwy. 3 near the boundary line between Fort Erie and Port

Colborne, Ontario's chief coroner has called for an inquest but no date has been set at this time.

On Sunday Dec. 12, at St. George's Catholic Roman

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Centre for the Arts setting up in Ridgeway

Marc MacDonald
The Times

The Fort Erie Arts Council has a new home, and just like with any new homeowner, they are excited to get things in order and settle in to their upgraded abode.

"Everyone is very excited and looking forward to what we can do in a larger space," said Arts Council chair Sheri Ordinario of the new Centre for the Arts. "We've expanded to the point where our artists want to do so much more and we're able to offer the community a space where they can gather and enjoy an art gallery like they might in the big city but experience it on a smaller scale."

Leasing space in the former Ridgeway Community Church at 209 Ridge Rd, the Council is finding that the building is providing plenty of space and plenty of opportunities.

"The art gallery itself will have multiple functions," said Ordinario of the main space on the upper level. "Not only will it be an art gallery, but it will be open to stage performances by any theatre group - they can call in and rent the space."

It's also available for private functions, Christmas parties, small weddings, and bridal showers.

But over and above the functions that the public can utilize the space for, the Council is also hoping to host workshops, classes and seminars for artists.

The upper level will also feature office space and a gift shop.

Jason Pizzicarella, a local business owner and chair of the Ridgeway Business Improvement Area who is leasing the space to the Council, is thrilled to be having them as tenants, as he believes that the arts are an important piece to the community puzzle.

"I've always been interested in the arts and always wanted to do something with the arts," said Pizzicarella.

"It was always in the back of my head and this opportunity came up and this is ideal for location and for the type of space that it is," he said.

"I wanted to develop this Centre for the Arts because it is vital to the Ridgeway community and also Fort Erie."

Also to be found in the new Centre for the Arts will be an artisan market on the lower level of the former church, where once a week

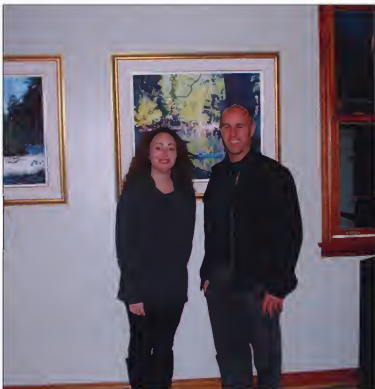
people will be able to similarly continue their summer Farmer's Market tradition - with similar attractions available.

The hope for the artisans market is that it will run year-round, complimenting the outdoor Farmer's Market when the weather permits in the new year.

Ordinario is particularly excited about the prospect of attracting new artists who may not be aware that the council even exists, hoping that the exposure that will come with their new space will encourage others to come join them.

"There are 190 artists in Fort Erie that we know and a lot more having signed up with us or even know we exist," she said. "Having this space will definitely lend more credibility to what we're doing."

The doors to the Centre for the Arts will be open for the first time on Dec. 3 at 4 p.m. during Ridgeway's Spirit of Christmas Festival.



Sheri Ordinario, left and Jason Pizzicarella, chair of the Ridgeway Business Improvement Area at the new Centre for the Arts the Fort Erie Arts Council will be based out of soon.

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No legislation on selling 'bongs' in stores

➤ Mother concerned about paraphernalia being found in local stores

Kris Dubé
The Times

It was bound to happen soon, someone asking why it is so easy to purchase a device commonly used to smoke marijuwana in local convenience stores.

This week, the Times was contacted by a local mother who wishes to remain anonymous, with concerns about several private stores in town having "bongs," sometimes sexually explicit

in design, on display right at their entrance in some cases.

In the summer, she and her children would go to a store in Crescent Park for popsicles during an after dinner bike ride. They stopped going there, when it was realized these items were so readily available.

They decided to frequent a different private store in the area, that she eventually realized was selling the same products.

She feels it is highly "irresponsible" for store owners to have these items in their inventory, especially when their places of business are in such close proximity to schools and are frequented by many children.

"It should be segregated, I

“It's a legal product that could be used for illegal purposes.”

—Kim Crator

don't think these should be mainstream items," she said.

"It's up to us to keep our community safe," she added.

Considering there is already legislation in place for store owners to conceal tobacco products in an unseen area behind the counter, the same should apply for these pieces of merchandise.

"It's the first thing you see," said the local mother who feels laws need to be adjusted to get rid of this reality.

"I want to know why the government isn't stepping in on this."

Niagara Falls MPP Kim



Kim Crator

Crator, who is Fort Erie's representative in the provincial government, said this issue has already been brought to his attention elsewhere in his riding and he agrees progress needs to be made to regulate or eliminate the sale of these products.

The difficult part is that it is assumed the devices are being purchased and used for illegal reasons, but the way they sit in the stores... there is no current law against it.

"It's a legal product that could be used for illegal purposes," said Crator.

The provincial politician also said he is in the process

“We all have a part to play, helping people live the lives they are capable of living.”

—Rob Nicholson

of finding a way to bring this matter forward at Queen's Park.

"We're looking for a way to come up with some type of legislation," said Crator.

Rob Nicholson, Canada's minister of justice and Fort Erie's representative in the federal government, has also visited sites where the sale of these products takes place.

He agreed, saying it is a challenge to find a way to get them out of stores, under current legislation.

"There are a lot of legal uses for these pipes," said Nicholson.

He said a first step for residents who are concerned about this can take is boycotting the establishments they see this taking place in.



Rob Nicholson

"If store owners are selling products that can be interpreted as paraphernalia for people in the drug business, tell them you're not going to patronize their store," said Nicholson.

"Maybe they'll get the message," he added.

He also said that any discussion on the legalization of marijuwana needs to be squashed because "it sends out the wrong message to young people."

"We all have a part to play, helping people live the lives they are capable of living," said Nicholson.

One store owner was interviewed, who said he doesn't sell many of the products, but does have an extensive collection on display.



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Getting into the Christmas Spirit

Marc MacDonald
The Times

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in downtown Ridgeway, or at least it will be come Dec. 3 and 4 when the Spirit of Christmas festival kicks off.

The Spirit of Christmas, as described by festival coordinator Dena Sahs, creates the perfect forum for something as simple as opportunity.

"Basically the festival is about coming together as a community," she said. "It's also a great opportunity for the merchants to showcase their stores and shops at Christmas time."

The shops will be open on Friday from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. with free horse and carriage rides taking place on Friday from 4-9 p.m. and Saturday 12-7 p.m.

Those who make their way down to the festival can also expect a multitude of fun and engaging activities with holiday sights to see,

and Sahs says if this year is like those in the past, there will be quite a crowd.

"Based on the past we've literally had thousands of people come through the downtown core," she said.

"I can't give a definite number but the community really enjoys the event and comes out for it."

Some of the festivities that will be on display are an ice sculpture demonstration that is happening at 6 p.m. at D.W. Howard Realty, a bonfire at the trail where the Ridgeway-Crystal Beach Kinsmen will be serving cider, pictures with the Grinch and/or Santa, dinner with Elvis, a drum circle and plenty more, not to mention a great deal of singing.

With children's choirs from St. George Catholic School, Bertie Public School, Crystal Beach Public School and Ridgeway Public School performing at Pacific Productions, they provide the Christmas sound so many people thoroughly

enjoy.

"The kids come out and sing and the families all come to hear them," she said.

"It doesn't matter what kind of weather there is, people show up, it's a great part of the weekend."

Along with the aforementioned ice sculpture demonstration, Sahs says she is very excited for the other new addition, Wild Cries Siberian Huskies.

"If we don't have any snow they won't be able to mush," said Sahs. "But they will be there regardless to greet the children."

With the festivals jam packed schedule there is something for everyone and as Sahs says, "The festival really makes you want to start getting into the Christmas spirit!"

For more information and for a list of events and times visit www.ridgeway-on.ca and click on the Christmas Spirit link.



Becky Stephenson, left, and John Goulding playing the role of Joseph and Mary at last year's Spirit of Christmas celebration. The event takes place this year next Saturday and Sunday in downtown Ridgeway.

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Thursday, December 2nd
5 - 7 p.m.
All Saints Anglican Church,
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Adults \$8.00 / Children 5-12 \$5.00
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Coming Events

ALZHEIMER SOCIETY of Niagara Region Support Groups for Caregivers meets first Wed. of each month (except July & Aug.) 1:30-3 p.m. Residence on Garrison St. Fort Erie, 905-887-3814.

Cookie & Gift Basket Sale
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To remember a loved one with this verse
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Retirements



Happy Retirement Pat
November 25th
Love always, Barb and Shawn

Thank You Cards

The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 71
would like to thank all those who came to, and participated in, our **Remembrance Day Services - November 7th and 11th.** Thanks to our dignitaries, Niagara Regional Police, Padres, the various youth groups, our fire companies, paramedics, our military groups, and all organizations and individuals who laid wreaths. Special thanks to our veterans, and those who are serving in the military now.

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Deaths



BARNHART, Beverly Ann - Surrounded by her loving family and friends at Douglas Memorial Hospital on Friday November 19th, 2010, Beverly lost her long and courageous battle with cancer at the age of 72. Beloved wife of Kenneth Barnhart of 56 years, loving mother to Lorne (Roy) Kinsela. Sadly missed by her grandchildren Korie (Steve) Lo Stracco, Kenny (Sherry) Kinsela, Katie (Scott) Stewart, Krisley (John) Chiselman. Loving Bubbe to Tricia, Amber, Ashley Kinsela, Megan and Morgan Stewart, Giacomo Lo Stracco and Baby Chiselman. Survived by her sisters Merlene Merlene, Petronie (Ron) Wilson, Francis (Rudy) Zouman, Jo Ann (Roy) DeWit, brother in law and sister in law Ray (Gail) Barnhart as well as many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her parents Frank and Patricia Ward and brother Michael Ward Sr. At Beverly's request cremation has taken place and a funeral mass will be celebrated at a later date. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made in Beverly's name to the Canadian Cancer Society. Arrangements entrusted to **NIAGARA FUNERAL ALTERNATIVES 905-894-0120**

BEAM, Darlene Ann - Went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, November 21st, 2010, in her 64th year. Loving wife of Allen Beam for 44 years, 6 months and 15 days. Loving mother of Merlene (Phyllis) Hadden, Charlene Beam, Alan (Cathy) Beam, Kim (Ginger) Grant. Loving grandmother of Matthew and Allison Hadden, Erik and Kaitlyn Shubbins, Vanessa and Ashley Grant. Loving sister of Doug (Phyllis) Booth. Loving aunt of Jody and Travis Booth. Private family service performed by Paul Moore. On line guest register:
www.williamsfuneralhome.com

Deaths



BOLES, Autumn-Eve Salvatora - Autumn-Eve passed away suddenly as the result of an accident in Sisseton, Saskatchewan at the age of 21. Loving daughter of John and Debra (nee Swartz) Boles. Cherished sister of William (Shantelle) Downton and John Boles. Beloved fiancé of Cory Singer. Much loved granddaughter of June and Terry Boles and proud aunt of Kendra, Xavier and Harmony. Sadly missed by her many aunts, uncles, extended family and friends. Predeceased by her grandparents Gerald and Betty Swartz. A service to celebrate her life will be held in the **BENNER FUNERAL CHAPEL** on Sunday December 5th at 11:30 a.m.

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Wednesday December 8th
Music of the Season 6:30 p.m. - Memorial Service 7:00 p.m.
St. Paul's Anglican Church
Niagara Blvd. and Gilmore Rd.
Time of Refreshments to follow

Minor Atoms perform well at tournament

On Friday, Nov. 5th, the Fort Erie Minor Atom Ice Meteors went into action in the Fort Erie Fall Classic hockey tournament.

The nine-year-olds were in a tough bracket with 12 teams, with only four teams moving on to the semi-finals.

The Meteors started off the tournament with a 7-0 win over Hillcrest, from the Toronto area and played in an exciting 1-1 tie against a tough Toronto Eagles team. Game three required a win to move on to the semi-finals and the team responded by beating Newmarket 3-2 on a late goal by Wyatt Habinski. This set the stage for a semi-final game clash with the undefeated North Toronto Wild on Nov. 7th.

The team played an

excellent two-way game and pulled off a convincing 4-0 win over Toronto with three goals coming in the third period.

Wyatt Habinski had two goals along with Carson Empringham and Lucas Val with solo markers, leading the way. Assists came from Andrew Vanderklei, Joel Coopman and Nathan Reichel.

The championship game was now set for later that day between the Ft. Meteors and the unbeaten Riverside Rangers from Windsor before a packed Joyce arena crowd.

The Rangers took a 2-0 lead before the Meteors responded on a goal by Nathan Reichel. However, that was as close they would come, as Riverside hung on to win 3-1 and claim the championship.

Solid play from the defense corps of Joel

Coopman, Andrew Vanderklei, Jarod Misk, Brandon Sauder, Creighton Schreyer and Tyler Flake combined with solid goaltending from the duo of Preston Ebersole and Owen Cochrane held their opponents to just 6 goals against over five games.

The forward units, consisting of, Wyatt Habinski, Nathan Reichel, Breanna Habinski, Eric Joyce, Jacob Pennacchio, Carson Empringham, Lucas Val, Blake Devinney and Trey Fischer provided balance scoring, passing and back-checking to pace the Meteors offense with 16 goals in the tournament.

Congratulations to the kids and coaches Brett Coopman, Dave Joyce, Dave Devinney and Jon Fischer for a great performance and making Fort Erie proud.

Meteors continue searching for back of the net

Marc MacDonald
The Times

With their losing streak reaching double digits, it would be an understatement to say that the Fort Erie Meteors are struggling.

Having been outscored by a total of 65-17 in their past 10 games - all losses - it's clear that finding the back of the net is the primary source driving their inability to put one in the win column.

"It seems to be the thing against us - we haven't been able to score goals," said manager Tony Passero. "The kids never quit though, sometimes it's just a matter of not getting a bounce - we've been very snipe bitten around the net."

The lack of scoring, at times, seems worse than others and such was the case when the Meteors suddenly found themselves in a 4-0 hole after the first 20 minutes last Saturday, eventually falling by a final of 8-2.

"Thorold came in here and took it to us pretty good," said Passero. "Their speed was very evident and they skated us into the ground - we were too slow to react."

The Meteors didn't fare much better the following game, dropping a 7-1 contest to the Port Colborne Pirates.

While a lack of scoring is in the forefront of the Meteors problems, they have been slowly rectifying another problem that has plagued them all season; penalties.

Giving up just nine power play opportunities to the opposition in the last two games, the Meteors are playing with more discipline and more tenacity with a man down.

"We're definitely taking less penalties and we're also killing penalties much better," said Passero. "If we

want any chance of versus the top teams in the league we have to stay out of the box."

And although things may be bleak at times, there are some positives to pull out of the equation, as youngster Josh Roscettani is seeing some action between the pipes.

Vincent Merante, the team's starting goalie, was tied in both games last week, in-game decisions that were used to try and spark the struggling squad as well as give Merante a break from the barrage of rubber.

"It was a combination of

[trying to spark the team and to give Merante a rest]," said Passero. "[Merante] was in for six and for seven and that was enough - when you know you're not going to come back you give the young kid a chance and let him feel what it's like to have rubber shot at him every five seconds."

Looking ahead, the Meteors will have a couple of tough games before going facing off against Wheatfield, who yielded the Meteors their only win this season - for a home-and-home matchup that could be a turning point for the young team.

Bricks & Bouquets

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Brick

Now that the garbage can has been removed from the Buffalo Road trail the bench and the rock are not there for dog droppings. Please take your dog home like all the rest of us do and have some consideration - put it in your own garbage.

Brick

To whoever complained about people who wear their poppies after Nov. 11. I find it so rude, inconsiderate and inappropriate that you would say something like that. My friend's father died fighting for our freedom,

so excuse us if we want to remember the people who died fighting for us more than once a day. We don't forget in the summer or winter, we're always remembering and we should remember that they fight for us every day of the year.

Bouquet

To everyone who

enjoyed themselves at

Saturday's Santa Claus Parade and to Fort Erie Festivals and the Bridgeburg Business Improvement Area for putting on such a fantastic event. As I watched the floats go by and saw all the smiling people, I was so proud to call myself a Fort Erian.

Brick

To the disgruntled ex-councillor for making snide remarks regarding the mayoral recount. Sour grapes?

Bouquet

To people who do what is best for the community and put their own personal agenda aside for the benefit of the whole town, not just themselves.

Brick

To people who complain it is too early for Christmas music and decorations. No, it isn't. Maybe you should start by taking down your Halloween decorations.

Correction from last week

In last week's issue of the Times, incorrect information was given about Sandy Annunziata's career in the Canadian Football League.

In a story about him running for the Niagara PC nomination.

He spent ten years in the CFL, with four teams and

won a Grey Cup with the Toronto Argonauts in 2004 and another one with the Edmonton Eskimos in 2005.

Number one parade



Clayton Hall and Lucas Cummings of the Fort Erie Cannons at last Saturday's Santa Claus Parade.

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